



November 17, 2020

12th floor, West Tower, City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
Attention: Cathrine Regan

Re: **EX18.12: Manual for Stewardship in Public Ravines and Natural Areas**

Dear Mayor Tory, Chair, and Members of Executive Committee,

We are writing in support of Councillor Pasternak's request that City of Toronto Parks, Forestry, and Recreation ('PFR') review the draft Stewardship Manual which was prepared by students, and funded by the Toronto Ravines Revitalization Science ('TRRS') consortium.

We applaud the TRRS submission, and suggest that the draft manual is a useful start on the PFR led initiative that is required. It provides an excellent model for a City of Toronto ravine stewardship program that will hopefully expand what the City can do within its budget limitations by providing an opportunity for informed citizens to contribute to ravine stewardship.

We urge you support this initiative.

Respectfully submitted,

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c.c. Janie Romoff, General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division

The Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations (FoNTRA) is a non-profit, volunteer organization comprised of more than 30 member organizations. Its members, all residents' associations, include at least 170,000 Toronto residents within their boundaries. The residents' associations that make up FoNTRA believe that Ontario and Toronto can and should achieve better development. Its central issue is not *whether* Toronto will grow, but *how*. FoNTRA believes that sustainable urban regions are characterized by environmental balance, fiscal viability, infrastructure investment and social renewal.